

DOINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

THOMAS MCGOWAN APPOINTED SUPER-
INTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.Petitions Received for Macadamizing
a Number of Streets—New Hoses for the
Fire Department.

A special meeting of the Township Committee was held on Monday afternoon. At the suggestion of the Chairman, Mr. Beach, the Committee adopted a regular method of procedure in conducting business. Under the reports of subcommittees are called for by the Chairman in regular order.

The Poor Committee reported that Mrs. Baum would take charge of the poorhouse for a few weeks until other arrangements were made by the Overseer of the Poor.

The Road Committee recommended the appointment of Thomas McGowan to the office of Superintendent of Public Works at a salary of \$800 per year. Mr. Oakes said that Mr. McGowan showed great reluctance to accept any office at the hands of this Committee, for two reasons. One was that he had taken an active part in the recent local election and had worked hard to secure the election of the four men who had been chosen, and for him to accept an office from their hands would very probably lead to a mistaken inference on the part of some. Another reason given by Mr. McGowan for not wishing to accept the office was his inexperience in the work that required supervision.

Mr. Oakes said that he deemed it proper to make public Mr. McGowan's attitude in the matter in order to remove from the public mind any erroneous impressions that might be formed from outside talk. He said the Committee had labored hard with Mr. McGowan to induce him to accept. They felt pleased that he had consented to do so. They needed a straightforward, honest man to do the work, and they looked forward to good results from the appointment. Mr. Oakes said he had conversed with a number of citizens about the matter, and they all approved of the Committee's selection.

Mr. Beach expressed himself as being in favor of the appointment. He said, when the question of the selection of a superintendent of road and sidewalk work was spoken of, Mr. McGowan was the first man he had thought of as most able to do the work. He spoke to Mr. McGowan about it, but the latter declined the appointment. After a great deal of persuasion he offered to serve the Committee without compensation. The Committee would not entertain any such proposition.

Mr. Beach said he was glad that the Road Committee had secured Mr. McGowan. He felt that the money paid for his services would be well expended. Mr. Rayner said that it had been his opinion all along that the town should have a Superintendent of Public Works. He asked if it was designed to have the officer appointed take charge of all public works. He thought it was a necessity that some one should approve of all bills paid for road, sidewalk, and crosswalk work. Mr. Rayner suggested the postponement of the fixing of the salary until it was definitely settled just what work would be required of the new officer.

Mr. Stout, in reply to Mr. Rayner, said that, as he understood it, the roads, sidewalks, and crosswalks included all that came under the head of public work in this town. As far as the care of the park was concerned the Public Grounds Committee was able to look after that.

Mr. Rayner asked if the inspection of the sewer would come under the province of the new officer, or would the Committee appoint another inspector for sewer work? Mr. Rayner said that some one should see to it that the contract between the town and the city of Orange should be properly carried out, and there would be a great deal to do in connection with the work of inspection.

Mr. Beach said that whoever had charge of the road and sidewalk work would have all that he could properly attend to.

The sewer matter might be one that would require the services of an engineer.

Mr. Hummel said that as he understood the sewer contract between this town and Orange, he could not see any necessity for an inspector, as all he could do would be to stand and look on; he could not interfere, as the town had no voice or vote in the matter. Mr. Hummel said there were some things that he thought would very properly come under the supervision of the new officer, such as where the gas or water companies tore up a street to put in a main or house connection they should be made to put it back in proper shape and good condition. Mr. Hummel cited the case of the Manclair Water Company in Brookdale, where the street

had been torn up in front of Wilbur M. Brokaw's property, and it would cost the town \$100 to repair it. Mr. Hummel also thought that when Orange carried a sewer main across a street the contractor should be made to restore the roadway in good shape.

Mr. Stout approved of Mr. Hummel's suggestions, and thought that these were matters that should be attended to by the Superintendent.

Mr. Gilbert asked if the Superintendent would be expected to look after the repairs of dirt roads. He approved of Mr. Rayner's suggestion that it would be well to see if Mr. McGowan could not give some attention to the sewer. Mr. Gilbert said the Committee did not want to create too many offices with large salaries attached. He thought that the matter of fixing the compensation could be laid over.

Mr. Stout said he did not think the compensation named by the Committee was too high for the work of looking after roads and sidewalks. The Superintendent must give the work very close attention. The Committee was making specific contracts, and they expected the Superintendent to see to it that the contractors complied with the specifications.

Mr. Gilbert said that Manclair only paid \$10 per week for about seven months in the year to a man employed to look after road work.

Mr. Oakes urged that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted, and a vote was taken. Mr. Hummel voted against the measure.

For the Sidewalk Committee Mr. Lockwood reported that Mr. Halfpenny had turned over to him a large number of applications of last year for sidewalks. For the Sewer Committee Mr. Rayner reported that he had attended a meeting of the Sewer Committee of the city of Orange. Mr. Rayner gave a detailed statement of matters pertaining to the sewer, and asked for a special meeting on Friday afternoon, at which the sewer question alone could be discussed. His request was granted.

The Legal Committee presented the bonds of the various township officers. The Committee last year incurred the displeasure of some of the bondsmen by requiring them to justify. The Committee then took the ground that the law required it, and it was omitted the members of the Committee could be held responsible in case of trouble. Mr. Stout raised the same question this year, and the opinion of the Counsel, Mr. Barrett, was asked. Mr. Barrett said that if the Committee were in ignorance or doubt respecting the bondsmen, it was proper to require them to justify. He said it was a matter in which the Committee could exercise its discretion. The bonds were all accepted, with the exception of Constable Harvey's, which was returned for a correction of date.

The Fire Committee invited the whole Committee to join them in an inspection of the hose houses and fire apparatus on Saturday afternoon of this week. Frank C. Madison was suspended from the membership roll of Active Hose Company for non-payment of dues. The election of A. M. Stager as a member of the Truck Company was approved.

Mr. Stout asked how many members it took to run the Truck Company.

Mr. Rayner said that he was not prepared to definitely answer Mr. Stout's question at present, as it touched a matter that the Fire Committee had under consideration, and which they expected to lay before the whole Committee shortly.

Mr. Stout said it would be well for the Committee to know how large it wants its Fire Department to be. The Fire Committee was directed to advertise for bids for 1,000 feet of new hose, more or less.

Mr. Stout made inquiries as to the price of hose.

Mr. Rayner said it ranged from 40 cents to \$1.25 per foot.

Mr. Stout said that if it was true that the hose only lasted a short time on account of no proper method of keeping it, as much service could be got from the cheap hose as from the more expensive.

Mr. Rayner said the Fire Committee were endeavoring to devise some plan for taking care of the hose. He did not favor the building of a drying-tower until it could be erected on property that belonged to the town.

Thomas Butler was dropped from the membership roll of the Truck Company.

Mr. Gilbert, for the Public Grounds Committee, read a letter from F. T. Camp asking what proceedings should be taken to secure a flagstone walk in front of his property on Broad Street, and a number of other questions relating to sidewalks. Mr. Gilbert asked if the Public Grounds Committee was expected to take care of that portion of the park in front of the German Theological Seminary. The Committee was directed to do so.

Joseph D. Gallagher presented the deed of dedication of the extension of Douglas Road from Lincoln Street south to Washington Avenue. The

street, he said, was properly graded. The Committee accepted it.

John Raasbach appeared before the Committee in behalf of his petition for a water hydrant at the junction of Maolis and Midland Avenues.

Mr. Stout said that the Water Committee had the matter under consideration.

Frank W. Lawrence petitioned for a water main on Harlow Street. Water mains and the erection of a hydrant on Smith and Baylis Streets were also petitioned for.

The macadamizing of Lincoln Street and Hillside Avenue in Glen Ridge was petitioned for. The macadamizing of Berkeley Avenue was also petitioned for.

Local Sewerage Discussed.

At a special meeting of the Township Committee held yesterday afternoon to discuss the sewerage contract and prepare a reply to the communication from the city of Orange asking the Committee to state the amount of sewage they expected to run into the union outlet and to designate the point or points of intersection of the union outlet. The Committee fixed the capacity required at three million gallons per day, and the main point of intersection the junction of Newark Avenue and Franklin Street, and requested a conference as to other points of intersection.

The attention of the Orange officials was also called to the stipulations in the agreement between the two towns about the manner of constructing the sewer.

The Committee will endeavor to get from engineers as nearly as possible exact statements as to the cost of the sewer to this town.

Mr. Stout said that so many wild rumors were afloat as to the cost, placing it all the way from \$100,000 down, he would be glad if the Committee could give the people the facts.

An Electric Railway.

Samuel Moore is acting as agent for President Eppley of the Orange and Bloomfield Cross-Town Railroad in securing consents from property-owners for the application of electric motive power to the railroad. The consent of two-thirds of the property-owners on each street traversed by the road is necessary. Mr. Moore is meeting with much success in his work. Israel Dodd is doing similar work for Mr. Eppley in Orange and East Orange, and reports success there. The system which it is intended to apply is the same as that used on the Newark Passenger Railway's Orange line. The poles will be of iron and placed at the curbs of the street.

On Fire for the Third Time.

An alarm was sounded from box 37 at 3.20 o'clock on Tuesday morning. Some malicious person had set fire to the old hat shop belonging to the Hall estate on Bloomfield Avenue. The Fire Department quickly put out the flames. The building was set on fire twice on the morning of March 26. Upon returning from the fire Phoenix Hose Company backed their wagon up to the front of the foreman's house and then rang the bell, but, it is said, failed to awaken him. He resides but a short distance from the house, but claims he cannot hear the bell, and for that reason waits a tapper placed in his room.

Walter Will Crack Stones.

Walter D. Westerfield, a gay and festive "terror" from the Bowery, was brought before Justice Post by Officer Mahoney on Sunday night, charged by his daughter Maria with disorderly conduct and abusing his family. Westerfield is a member of the "Slip-the-dip" gang, or, in other words, the ones who carry the beer-can, and he has been a frequent visitor to Justice Post's court. The Justice gave him three months in the Penitentiary, where he will break stones for our new roads.

Exempt Firemen's Delegates.

At a meeting of the Exempt Firemen's Association held in the Truck House parlors on Monday night the following were the delegates elected to attend the State Exempt Firemen's Annual Convention to be held in Hackensack Wednesday, May 18, at eleven o'clock A. M.: W. U. Oakes, F. G. Tower, T. Howell Johnson, Jules Magory and T. E. Hayes. Alternates, Lewis Dawkins, J. T. Griffith and D. E. Ward.

Union Prayer Meeting.

The monthly union prayer meeting will be held in the Baptist Church Schoolroom next Thursday evening. The report of the committee to formulate some plan of co-operation will be presented.

The Judge's Gray Horse.

Justice Post is mourning the loss of his favorite gray horse Major, which either strayed or was stolen from his stable last Saturday morning. A reward will be paid for information which will lead to its recovery.

Gilbert & Taylor will now take orders for Lehigh Coal at \$5.50 per ton and Lackawanna coal at \$5 per ton, to be delivered before August 15.—Adv.

Gent's hand-sewed shoes, \$3, at Shoen-thal's.—Adv.

CHRISTIANS AND THE SALOON

MR. COOK'S SERMON PREACHED LAST
SUNDAY EVENING.The Responsibility of Christians—Total
Abstinence—Enforcing the Law—Creat-
ing Temperance Sentiment—A Plea for
a Well-Equipped Resort for Young Men.

The interest in the sermons on the saloon question appeared to be greater than ever last Sunday evening, judging by the attendance at the Baptist Church. Those who were late found it difficult to get a seat. The sermon was addressed particularly to Christians, and contained some plain and practical counsel and suggestions.

The texts were: "None of us liveth to himself" (Rom. 14:7), and "It is good neither to eat flesh nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak" (Rom. 14:21). The sermon was in substance as follows: Where the Word of God does not give distinct instructions concerning particular actions it lays down definite principles. Such principles are laid down in these texts, and in the passage of Scripture read this evening (1 Cor. 8.) which have a direct application to the question we are considering. A gentleman said to me, "There is a tremendous responsibility resting upon the churches of this town." I go further, and say, there is a tremendous responsibility resting upon the individual Christians of this town, so much so that if the disgraceful Sunday drinking continues, it will be because the church members are willing to tolerate it, and are unwilling to resolutely unite in suppressing it.

The theme for this evening is: "How should the church deal with the saloon?" First of all, church members must themselves be right before God on the drink question before they can deal with it effectually. It will be utterly in vain for the church as a body to begin to move against the traffic in intoxicating drink, while its members are in any way in league with it, or entangled with the abominable business. There must be a complete and absolute severance of every sort of connection with the rum traffic on the part of Christians. The spirit of God through the apostle lays down a principle in the text which makes it the duty of every professing Christian to be a total abstainer from the use of intoxicating drink as a beverage. "It is good neither to eat flesh nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak." The man who professes to be a Christian who is seen drinking in saloons gives a respectable sanction to the vices of young men to the saloons, and encourages them in their drinking habits. Those who are not Christians who see Christians do such things say Christianity is all a humbug. Can it be that there is a Christian here who has dishonored Christ thus? You did not think there was any harm in your occasional glass of beer or wine, but can you believe there is not when your example influences a score of others to continue drinking, when you remember that the Word of God requires that whether we eat or drink, or whatsoever we do, we are to do all to the glory of God? And it surely cannot be to the glory of God for any Christian to encourage the saloons by his patronage, or to encourage others to drink by his own practice of drinking.

Here is where the work must begin. Church members must separate themselves from every sort of connection with the rum traffic. If this were the case we would not hear of well-to-do citizens, who are ashamed perhaps to have the beer wagon stand at their doors, ordering their bottled drinks through grocers or butchers who do not keep it in stock. They put others under the stigma and disgrace of the obligation of buying the drink for them. Judge for yourselves the character and influence of such practices.

Let the church get right and then something may be done. When the Christians are right, let them unite in demanding and supporting the enforcement of law. I am not wholly in favor of citizens' leagues. The principle of them is wrong. It is taking the detective and prosecuting work out of the hands of those who ought to attend to it. The police should enforce the law, and those in authority over the police should see that they do. It may be that the Town Committee and police in Bloomfield have very limited power, but I believe that it is possible for them to accomplish a good deal more than they do. Let the Christian people unite in demanding that those already in authority enforce the law, and then earnestly back every genuine effort made in that direction. This is the legitimate method which preserves at once the dignity of the citizen and the dignity of those in authority.

The Christian people may do another thing. They may resolutely refuse to sign applications for license, and educate and encourage others to refuse. This would make it difficult for saloons to get a license, and it is much easier for us to prevent the existence of so many saloons than it is to enforce the laws which regulate them after they are licensed.

The church should also carry on an educational work by holding temperance meetings and by freely distributing temperance literature. Much may be done to influence men to give up the drink. If I had \$25 furnished me I could fill this town with good temperance literature and keep it filled for several months.

Another thing the churches can do and should do. They can and should do something more than they are doing for the boys and young men of the town. The vast majority of those who frequent the saloons and support them are boys and young men. Every effort is made to draw them into the saloons. It is no credit to the Christian people of Bloomfield that they have not a well-equipped and well-sustained Young Men's Christian Association, with such attractions and such healthful surroundings as would be helpful to the young men of the place. That such a provision would be appreciated has been abundantly demonstrated during the past few months in the use the boys have made of the very meagre equipment of the present Y. M. C. A. I believe the time has come for the people to unite in erecting a building and thoroughly fitting it for boys and young men. Here Mr. Cook read a letter which had appeared in the Record, in which a young man said there was no place between the saloon and the church for young men. Mr. Cook sympathized with the writer of the letter and made use of the letter in urging his plea for a new Y. M. C. A. building.

In closing, Mr. Cook urged the doing of everything that could be done to lessen the number of saloons, the violation of law, and the evils of the drink habit. Above all things, he said, let us not sit still and know that this evil abounds, and make no effort whatever to lessen it or remove it.

To Look Up Unlicensed Saloons.

Collector Marr has informed the Town Committee that the County Clerk refuses to turn over to this township the money paid in for saloon licenses until Peter McKenna and Alfred Ernst pay their license money. Applications from the above parties for license have been granted by the court. Mr. Marr suggested that an officer be appointed by the Committee to ascertain how many saloons in the town are selling without license. The matter was referred to the Town Council to see whether the Committee had power to create the office of license inspector.

Mr. Marr stated that a similar move on the part of the Committee some time ago caused several licenses fees to be paid and brought in \$450 to the town treasury.

He Declined Arrest.

Early Sunday morning before the sun rose Samuel Wilson, a colored man, was found by Officer Baylis at the Centre in a semi-comatose state, the result of too much gin. Baylis ordered Samuel to go home, but the latter refused, and said that the U. S. Army backed up by the navy could not arrest him. The officer rapped for help, and with the assistance of his fellow officers took Samuel before Justice Post, who committed him to the Penitentiary for sixty days. His friends have since secured his release.

The Fire Committee.

The Fire Committee held a lively meeting last Saturday night, when the question of buying new hose was under discussion. Mr. Rayner and the Chief Engineer differed with Mr. Gilbert as to the method to be pursued in purchasing. Mr. Gilbert objected to leaving the matter in the hands of the Chief Engineer, and insisted that the Committee advertise for bids. Mr. Gilbert also objected to having the bids addressed to the Chief Engineer, and insisted that they be addressed to the Town Committee and opened by the Town Clerk.

Result of a Dog's Bite.

Edward Cogan of No. 129 Walnut Street was administering a dose of medicine to his dog, which some malicious person had poisoned on Wednesday, when the animal's teeth sank into his hand. Cogan became frightened and placed his hand in lime to burn the wound. The hand and arm instantly began to swell, when Dr. Bailey was summoned and dressed the hand. Cogan was unable to sleep and could not retain water in his stomach. He is now slightly improved, but still suffering considerably.

The Board of Health.

The Health Board was organized last Monday. James C. Beach was made President, and Assessor Baxter Secretary. On motion of Mr. Gilbert, W. B. Corby was reappointed Inspector at a salary of \$100 per year, an increase of \$25 over last year. Mr. Corby's efficient services were commended by the members of the Committee.

Oxford ties at Shoen-thal's.—Adv.

THE MADRIGAL CONCERT.

A Large Audience Delighted With Their
Singing.

The second and final concert for the season of 1891-'92 of the Madrigal Society was held in the First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday night. A large audience filled the church. From an artistic point of view the singing on Wednesday night was an improvement over that of the first concert several months ago, and evidenced the fact that the Society had undergone careful training and devoted much attention to the study of music.

In addition to the large number in the audience who attended for the sole purpose of pleasure, not a few attended for the purpose of criticism; not in a spirit of depreciation, but that the members of the Society might have the benefit of a candid judgment on the merits of their performance entirely free from flattery or fear of offense. It is the opinion of this element in their audience that the Society is desirous of knowing. From all that can be learned from conversation it seems that the critics were very highly pleased with the performance, and admit that there is considerable musical talent in this town, which, with continued training and study, will attain a high degree of perfection.

If the Madrigal Society can stand the test of just and cultured criticism they [the critics] feel that they can safely speak of it to their friends abroad without making allowances or taking refuge behind qualifying phrases. They regard the Madrigal as manifesting in a large measure the esthetic culture of the town; consequently the brilliant success of the affair on Wednesday night was a source of pleasure to them in more ways than one.

The concert was conducted by C. Wenham Smith the well-known musician. The Society was assisted by Mrs. Charles Tyler Dutton, soprano. Mrs. Dutton's solos were enthusiastically encored. Miss Bertha Webb, violinist, delighted the audience with her performances. Mr. Frank E. Drake was solo accompanist and Mrs. Charles W. Martin was accompanist to the Society. All the numbers on the programme were well rendered. Two pieces which were exceptionally well received were "By Babylon's Wave" and "Daybreak." An organ solo entitled "The Storm," performed by C. Wenham Smith, was grand and realistic and enraptured the audience. To add to the thrilling sensation produced by the music, when the organ was pealing forth the tones of "distant thunder" a vivid flash of lightning illuminated the church windows.

The Madrigal chorus numbered about forty voices, and the parts were well arranged with a view to harmonious effect.

The Madrigal closes its first season under very promising prospects. The annual meeting will be held next week and officers for the ensuing year elected.

Memorial Day Parade.

Pierson Post's Committee on Memorial Day observance have received word that the school children, the Fire Department and several societies will unite with them in the parade on that day. The procession will be formed at nine o'clock as follows: The Fire Department on Bloomfield Avenue, the right resting on the Centre; the school children at the foot of the park, right resting on Broad; the societies on Washington Avenue, east and west, right resting on the Centre; the G. A. B. on Glenwood Avenue, right resting on Centre. The line of march will be up Bloomfield Avenue to Liberty Street, to Franklin Street, to Orange Street, to Bloomfield Avenue, to Broad Street, to the cemetery, where appropriate exercises will be held. Col. E. E. Still will deliver the address, and the school children will sing.

The Garrison Family Troubles.

The domestic troubles of Gilbert Garrison are being ventilated in the New York courts, where he is suing his brother, Samuel Garrison, for \$25,000 for alienating his wife's affections. The Garrisons are well known in this town. Gilbert Garrison created a sensation one Sunday last summer by kidnapping one of his children from his wife, who lived apart from him and occupied rooms on Orange Street. The neighbors started in hot pursuit of Garrison, and overtook him and restored the child to his mother.

Innocents Abroad.

Eagle Rock is a great Sunday resort in summer time. There is no police force at the Rock, and all kinds of wicked amusements are indulged in. Last Sunday a party of verdant Bloomfield youths visited the place, and ran across a thimble-rigging game in operation, and saw a man make five dollars very easily. They at once began to plunge on the game. It is unnecessary to give the result in detail, but no five-dollar bill found its way in the direction of their pockets.

Children's russet shoes at Shoen-thal's.—Adv.

